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Amendment To The Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] Referring to Figure 1, there is shown a perspective view of a vehicle 10 having a side-curtain airbag system 12 with a guiding pillar trim 14, according to one advantageous embodiment of the claimed invention. The vehicle 10 generally includes a vehicle body 18, [[12,]] the side-curtain airbag system 12, and a headliner 16 for covering the side-curtain airbag system 12. The vehicle body 18 includes a first pillar 20, a second pillar 22, a third pillar 24, a door assembly 26, and a roof member 28. However, it will be appreciated that the vehicle body 18 can include more or less than three pillar structures as desired. The guiding pillar trim 14 is coupled to the second pillar 22 for covering the second pillar 22. As detailed below, the guiding pillar trim 14 is movable between a trim configuration (shown in Figures 2A and 4A) and a ramp configuration (shown in Figures 2B and 4B) for directing the deployment of a side-curtain airbag in a predetermined direction.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] Moreover, the guide member 54 and the panel 44 have two tether members coupled therebetween for securing the guide member 54 in the ramp configuration as the airbag 34 after the airbag 34 has detached the releasable anchors 70 from the panel 44. In one embodiment, the tether members 80 extend from the guide member 54 for insertion into a hole 82 formed in the panel 44. However, it is understood that more or less than two tether members 80 can be utilized and also that the tether members 80 can instead extend from the panel 44 for insertion into the guide member 54 as desired. The tether members 80 can be sonic welded to the panel 44. It will be appreciated that the tether members 80 can instead be heat stakes with bosses or have various other suitable constructions as desired.